# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# COMMUNICATIONS
# LOK SABHA

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DOMESTIC LONG DISTANCE SERVICE
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**Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:**

(a) whether it is a fact that VSNL has applied for Domestic Long Distance (DLD) service license;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether this steps has been taken by VSNL in the wake of offloading its 25 per cent stake in ISD service;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) the total amount likely to be spent by the VSNL in the first phase of operation; and

(f) the detailed lay out plan chalked by VSNL for its operation in DLD?

## Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR)

(a) & (b) Yes, Sir. VSNL has filed an application with Department of Telecommunications for grant of Licence for National Long Distance (NLD) Service on 2nd November, 2001.

(c) & (d) VSNL has taken up this project in view of opening op of National long Distance Service and as backward integration with existing International Long Distance Service. This will enable VSNL to generate additional revenues.

(e) About Rs. 800 crores (Rupees Eight hundred crores)

(f) Roll out plan is in tune with the DLD guideline and the roll out obligations.